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THE YEAR BEGINS

With the August 6th meeting of the Club Delegates on August 6th, NJFCC begins its 61st year [if my math is correct.] And, we begin Volume 60 of its newsletter, the Cable Release. Someone has to explain that one to me; I can only go by the Volume Numbers that existed when I became Editor.

Some news for the new year - Several volunteers stepped forward in the following capacities:

Advertising Chairman - Roman Kurywczak
Photorama Chairman - Ken Curtis

There still is no volunteer for Print Chair. Unless someone steps to the plate there will be no Print Competitions this year a strange scenario for photography.

We'll continue bringing New Product Reviews, courtesy of Keith Patankar of Hunt's Photo.

Most NJFCC Member Clubs will start their year's activities in September so schedules, as shown in their websites, are incomplete. But, you can check which clubs are currently offering their schedule in the What's Happenin' Column.

AUGUST NEW PRODUCT REVIEW

Zoom H4N Digital Audio Recorder Keith Patankar Hunts Photo and Video

Looking beyond everything that is essential in your bag of equipment; your camera, the right lenses for the job, flashes and anything else you use to steady or modify your camera for the type photography you do. We now enter into the multi-media world of the digital age. Each one of you are a story teller, a journalist, an artist and a reporter showing the world what you experience through your eyes behind the camera and lens. We have now entered into the digital era of multi-media where still and motion picture has crossed over and become unified in the same unit.

So as writers and journalist that tell a story the next essential piece of the puzzle becomes audio. Whether you use a digital still camera or video camera, quality audio is now equally as important as the picture you show. Enter the Zoom H4N, a digital audio recorder capable of capturing high quality audio on 4 channels. This tool is a valuable piece to do interviews, enhance the sound quality of your video or record separate tracks to input into a slideshow.

The Zoom H4N is more than a standard voice recorder (there are a million of them on the market today) it has features that work in tandem with today's photographer/videographer. Starting with the most important thing, sound quality. The Zoom H4N produces crisp, high quality sound. It will record in stereo 96 kHz/24-bit audio. You have control over the modes you want to record and can adjust it as needed. The audio is recorded in a WAV file format or you can lower it to record in a standard MP3 format. One amazing thing is the ability to record on 4-channels. With 4 channel recording your audio will sound more professional. For example you can capture music and get all the layers of each instrument, far and near to sound equally crisp.

Even though Zoom originally designed this mic recorder for the music recording business you can quickly notice all the features designed around today's videographer. The Zoom H4N was completely redesigned and thought out for today's DLR shooter or video camcorder. It has XLR connections for the higher end camcorders or mixers. It also has a mini mic jack that will plug into most Digital SLR's. You can record two separate tracks and sync them up in software later. The top of the x/y microphones will rotate from a 120 degree angle to a 90 degree angle. This is useful if you want to change from doing an interview where you want to concentrate the sound on the person talking and then changing it to the 120 degree to pickup all the surrounding audio.

The Zoom H4N is a solid design that can stand up to the rigors of today's photographer on the go. It's size is a little bulky and you can not just throw it into your pocket. The menu system is intuitive with a side scroll wheel that lets you quickly navigate the many features. It illuminates, making it easy to read the options. However, if you are new there are plenty of options that can get overwhelming so do not let this deter you novices out there. It runs off of AA batteries and has a battery life from 6 to 11 hours with the stamina mode enabled. Other connections include a headphone jack and USB out to download to your computer. The Zoom H4N records to a SD/SDHC memory card. This is very convenient since most of us have this type of card with our digital cameras.

Overall the Zoom H4N is an excellent handheld microphone that can be put to good use for today's photographer. It is great to do interviews, document things and to record excellent audio for your DSLR videos. A tool in today's multimedia world that adds another dimension into each and everyone's story telling.

Keith Patankar works in outside sales, marketing and specialty market at Hunts Photo & Video in Melrose MA. Please feel free to contact Keith directly at 781.462.2340 with any related questions.



**WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS
IN
SEPTEMBER 2012**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed Ctr	9/6 9/13 9/20	Back to Club Night SEEC Photo Exhibit Reception Competition	
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	9/12 9/26	Competition: Fireworks No Meeting: Yom Kippur	
Cranford/Millburn	Cranford Comm. Center Bauer Center, Millburn	9/10 9/24	Club Meeting Competition: Animals	Dave Mills, NJFC
Essex	Caldwell United Methodist Church	TBA	TBA	
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center Roseland	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Sacred Heart School TBD	9/12 9/19	Opening Night Social Presentation: Black and White Photography	Nick Palmeri
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	TBA	TBA	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	TBA	TBA	
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	9/24	LCC Competition #1	
Metedeconk	Metedeconk Lakes Regency Adult Comm.	TBA	TBA	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	TBA	TBA	
Monroe Photography [Formerly Greenbriar]	Monroe Township Comm. Center	9/5 9/19	Workshop: Photo Essays Competition: Best of 2011-12	John Sandstedt, NJFC Alan Leckner
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall Sr. Center, 3rd Floor	TBA	TBA	
Ocean County	Lakewood High School	TBA	TBA	
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	9/17	Meeting	
Pocono	East Stroudsburg University	9/13 9/18	Workshop Meeting [Subject TBA]	Eric Goins
Princeton Photography Club	D&R Greenway LandTrust Princeton	9/12	General Meeting: Show and tell - The Best of the Best Many Workshops through the Month [See Website]	
Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Milltown	9/13 9/27	Lecture: TBA Digital Competition: TBA	
Ridgewood	Women's Club Wyckoff	9/5 9/12 9/19 9/26	Executive Committee Program #1: Book—NJ Naturally Pictorial #1 Program #2: Photographing the Adirondack Peaks	Larry Zink Dave DesRochers Nick Palmeri

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Rockland Photography	Ramsey Country Club	9/20	Competition #1, Pictorial 1	Harvey Augenbruan
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	9/11 9/25	Program: Show and Tell - Back for the Summer Nature Presentation	Phil Witt
South Brunswick	New Location To Be Announced	9/24	Discussion of this summer's Grounds for Sculpture Shoot	
Sparta	Sparta Ambulance Squad	TBA	TBA	
Staten Island	Staten Island Museum	TBA	TBA	
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Center Teaneck	9/4 9/11 9/18 9/25	Presentation: Photography in Black and White Workshop: Photo Critiques Competition: Nature Competition: Pictorial	Nick Palmeri Dave Mills, NJFc
Tri - County	Nutley High School TBD	TBA	TBA	
Vailsburg	Bailey Civic Center	TBA	TBA	

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LANDSCAPES
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